

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE OF PROTEINS EMPLOYING MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS AND COMPUTATIONAL FEEDBACK MODELING," a specification of which is attached hereto, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/569,358, filed by me on December 8, 1995, and entitled "METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL CONFORMATION OF PROTEINS AND PROTEIN COMPLEXES EMPLOYING MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS AND COMPUTATIONAL FEEDBACK MODELING."

I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof; or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application; or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

The invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than one year prior to this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, Section 1.56(a); I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in Section 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the above referenced prior application and the filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

I hereby appoint the following Patent Attorney to prosecute this Application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable under penalty of perjury by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE OF PROTEINS EMPLOYING MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS AND COMPUTATIONAL FEEDBACK MODELING" described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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